

## The S-1 Substitute for House Bill 4812 is BAD MEDICINE

The S-1 Substitute is a very bad, anti-consumer, anti-patient, anti-physician proposal.

## A YES vote FOR the S-1 substitute is:

- A vote against transparency in health care.
- A vote against patients with chronic illness and life-threatening diseases.
- A vote against physicians and others on the health care team who treat those patients.
- A vote against the sacred physician-patient relationship.
- A vote against patient advocacy groups who overwhelmingly support the bill.
- A vote against the Generic Pharmaceutical Association and the manufacturers of
  potentially lower cost interchangeable biosimilars who support the original bill because it
  will build confidence in this new class of medicines.
- A vote against reconciling Michigan's public health code with FDA laws and pharmacy practice standards of other states.
- A vote against advancements in electronic health records and pharmacy benefit systems.
- A vote against providing clear authorization for substitution of all biologics including commonly used insulins – determined by the FDA to be appropriate to substitute.
- A vote against the dozens of diverse national and state stakeholders who have worked without pause, and in good faith, to reach a workable consensus.

A YES vote FOR the S-1 substitute also puts you in the vast MINORITY of other state legislators from across the country who have overwhelmingly supported the language in House Bill 4812 as it passed the House.

The national coalition model language, or very slight variations of it, passed in 11 states in 2015 by a combined vote of 1,459 to 14. Five of the eleven states saw not a single no vote cast in either chamber.

Did the legislators of California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, New Jersey, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Washington all get it wrong?

That is 1,459 legislators who agreed that the coalition language was the best option. Just this past November, **101 Michigan State Representatives voted for the coalition language**. Did they all get it wrong?

Twenty states have now passed similar legislation to HB 4812. Don't make Michigan a bad example.

## **VOTE NO ON THE S-1 SUBSTITUTE FOR HB 4812**